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In re Patent Application of:  
Andrew H. Thompson et al.

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Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

For: METHOD FOR CHARACTERISING  
ANALYTES

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.